

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard A. Johnson with Registration Number 56,080 on 09/18/2008. According to the Attorney's telephonic discussion, Applicant agreed to amend Claims 17-18, 20-21, 25, 27-28, 31, 33-36, 38, 40-44, 48-50, and 52-58.

The application has been amended as follows:

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Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-4, 11, 17, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 31, 33-36, 38, 40-44, 46, 48-50 and 52-58 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Any prior art of the record does not teach or suggest alone or in combination with other prior art of record the specific features required in the independent Claims 1, 4, and 46 such as "receiving a file at a user computing device, the file comprising an integral decryption engine and encrypted media content; requesting a decryption key from a remote server; receiving the decryption key from the remote server at the user computing device over a communication network, the decryption key itself encrypted at the remote server with a user key, the user key bonded to the user computing device by being based at least in part on one or more characteristics of the user computing device such that the user computing device can use the user key to decrypt the decryption key; and responding to receipt of said decryption key from said remote server at the user computing device by: using the user key to decrypt the decryption key at the user computing device; decrypting said media content at the user computing device using said integral decryption engine and the decryption key wherein receiving the file at the user computing device comprises receiving the file from a remote computer over the communication network that includes the remote server from which the decryption key is received but through a communication path that does not include the remote server from which the decryption key is received" recited in the independent Claim 1. The prior art taken either single or in combination fails

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to anticipate or fairly suggest the above limitations of applicant's independent claims in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper. Therefore, the claimed invention is considered to be in condition for allowance as being novel and non-obvious over prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao Tran N. To whose telephone number is 571-272-8156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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